

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 3 shows a combination of trays 1 with an ebb/tide system. The latter consists of a liquid-tight container provided with a water feed 10 and water discharge 11, the water level at the particular point in time being indicated by 9. The tray and/or the containers are provided with spacers 16. The plant is indicated by 6 and it can be seen from the drawing that the roots thereof are in the water 9. By this means optimum growth of the plant can be achieved. Slime formation and rotting is prevented by regular or continuous circulation of water 9. Crop protection agents, fertilisers and the like can optionally be added to the water.--